



Angie and Juan Phillipe are named Aruba's Top Models

It was an evening of glitz and excitement to rival "America's Next Top Model" and perhaps the winners will be America's next top model, as representatives from the top model agencies in the U.S. will vie for their signature on a contract. The final evening after months of winnowing down over eighty contenders arrived on Sunday June 11, with a gala production of the Aruba Model Search Pagaent, which was broadcast live on Telearuba.

Amongst the judges for this glamorous event were Claudine Ingeneri of Elle Magazine and Nola Maren, a judge from the popular television program "America's Next Top Model" with Tyra Banks.

The ten judges watched the stunning young finalists, twenty-one men, and twenty-one women who aspire to international fame, strut their stuff featuring the fashions of Kenneth Cole and Trash, the design house of Aruba's own Ronchi de Cuba. A film crew from HBO Latino also recorded the event for broadcast in Latin America.

The judges had many excellent choices, and after naming five finalists in each gender, the top models, Angie and Juan Phillipe were selected from the rest by an almost unanimous decision. They will be awarded contracts with top agencies in New York, which grooms them to become international models. Judges revealed that both winners were absolute standouts, but they would consider any of the five finalists for contracts also, which will give them the opportunity to learn and develop careers as models. Model agency representatives confessed they all had that magic that could bring them success as a model with the proper training and hard work.

Congratulations Angie and Juan Phillipe, we look forward to seeing you on the cover of Elle and GQ!